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## “Generation Anthropocene is Upon Us”

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Inspired by courses they’ve developed at Stanford, Mike Osborne and Miles Traer created the Generation Anthropocene podcast, a volunteer-based audio show featuring thought leaders. Anthropocene is an informal term that marks the evidence and extent of human activities that have had a significant global impact on the Earth’s ecosystems. Osborne holds degrees in criminology from the University of Montana and geology from the University of Texas. He is currently finishing his PhD at Stanford, where he studies climate change in the tropical Pacific. Traer began his academic career studying the origin of earthquakes and is currently finishing his PhD at Stanford investigating the evolution of the seafloor. (Source: [TEDx Talks](#) )



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### Further readings:

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- Steffen, Will, Paul J. Crutzen, and John R. McNeill. “[The Anthropocene: Are Humans Now Overwhelming the Great Forces of Nature?](#)” *AMBIO: A Journal of the Human Environment* 36 (2007): 614–621.
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**Related links:**

- Generation Anthropocene Podcast  
<http://anthropocene.stanford.edu/>
- Multimedia Library: Anthropocene Milestones (Graphics)  
<http://www.environmentandsociety.org/mml/collection/14700>

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